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Thursday, 6 November 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. — 6011th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2008/502, S/2008/503, S/2008/503/Add.1, S/2008/503/Add.2 and S/2008/504)

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. — 39th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice [103 (c)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/63/186)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/187, A/63/187/Add.1 and A/63/187/Add.2)

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/188)

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

The General Assembly will hold a commemorative meeting for the sixtieth anniversary of peacekeeping, pursuant to resolution 62/273, under agenda item 31 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) at its plenary meeting on Friday, 7 November 2008 at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, *instead* of Tuesday, 11 November 2008 as originally scheduled (see page 9).

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on "Commemorative plenary meeting devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (item 64) will be held on Friday, 7 November 2008 at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, immediately following the 40th plenary meeting held in the General Assembly Hall.

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

A drafting session on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The session will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

The complete schedule of drafting sessions is available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>. Parts 1 and 2 of the revised draft outcome document have been issued and are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that Web site.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 17.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Delegations who have not yet inscribed on the list of speakers for the meeting of the General Assembly on agenda item 45 (Culture of peace) to be held on 12 and 13 November 2008 in the General Assembly Hall are kindly invited to send their request, in writing, as soon as possible to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (fax 1 (212) 963-4230).

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room

1. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/63/27, A/63/483, A/63/484 and A/63/482) . . . . . [3]

General debate (continued)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination in the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system (A/63/185)

Introduction and general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/62/521, A/62/521/Corr.1, A/62/7/Add.32, A/C.5/62/24, A/C.5/62/25 and A/61/357))

Sixth Committee

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Forty-third session

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

[*Note:* The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.]

Trusteeship Council

Sixty-sixth session

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . 1711th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of the President and the Vice-President
3. Other matters

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Informal briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica (Croatia), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, Mr. Mike Smith, will give an informal briefing on recent developments in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED *today*, 6 November 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to interested Member States.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Thursday, 6 November 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland, on behalf of the Core Group of the Geneva Declaration)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries" (under agenda item 47 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring stable economic development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 49) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Other meetings

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Thursday, 6 November 2008

JUSCANZ Group (on humanitarian issues)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Coalition for the International Criminal Court (briefing on issues related to the Assembly of States Parties)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Thursday, 6 November 2008

Briefing on "The Geneva Declaration and its goals" (in the process of consultation with Member States on the draft resolution entitled "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence") (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

From 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

DPI/NGO briefing on "Millennium villages: A new way to fighting poverty"

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the NGO Section, DPI (e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 6 November 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 7 November 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 40th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

Commemorative meeting for the sixtieth anniversary of peacekeeping (A/63/L.16)

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows, in Conference Room 8: Monday and Tuesday, 10 and 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3.30 to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 14 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 17, to Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[*Note*: An informal meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 12 November, from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, by Ambassador David Balton, Chairman of the seventh round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (ICSP-7), in preparation of the anticipated eighth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties.]

Main Committees

Second Committee

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Overcoming Economic Insecurity" on Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address the causes and impact of the global financial crisis and consider the policy responses, particularly at the international level, which will be needed not only to recover financial stability, but also to meet the wider goals associated with greater economic security and social justice.

The panel discussion is jointly organized with the Division for Development Policy and Analysis, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Division for Development Policy and Analysis (tel. 1 (917) 367-9353; e-mail kozul-wright@un.org).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 16th meeting on Friday, 7 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 16th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Delegations are requested to submit, in writing, the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conferences, to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Meena Sur (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail surm@un.org). The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference (Ms. Catalina de Leon (tel. 1 (212) 963-8678; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail leonc@un.org)).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 313th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 10 November 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the special economic assistance for the Republic of Yemen (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Yemen)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (under agenda item 45) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 to 1 a.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution of international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Combating defamation of religions" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (under agenda item 64 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

African Group (informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (agenda item 43))

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

African Group (Second Committee experts)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the omnibus resolution)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 18 and 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Governments and corporations: Partners in sustainable business" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Morgan O'Brien, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4045; e-mail usunpublicaffairs@state.gov).]

OLA/UNITAR seminar on the undertaking of treaty actions and the registration of treaties

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[To register for this seminar, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
(Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from

Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables is *now open* until Monday, 17 November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations are kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the

theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 5 November 2008

Security Council

6010th meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (S/2008/662)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Edmond Mulet, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item on the agenda and heard a briefing by Mr. Mulet.

Statements were made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Costa Rica.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

22nd meeting

Questions relating to information . . . . . [32]

Action on draft resolutions A and B, amendment A/C.4/63/L.8 and draft decision contained in document A/63/21

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introducing an oral revision to the amendment contained in A/C.4/63/L.8.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee adopted the draft resolutions A and B, amendment A/C.4/63/L.8, as orally revised, and the draft decision contained in document A/63/21 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 32.

Effects of atomic radiation . . . . . [27]

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.9

Canada made a statement in its capacity as the Chair of UNSCEAR introducing draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Finland, Brazil and Pakistan.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.9 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 27.

Revitalization for the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

Action on draft decision A/C.4/63/L.10

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/63/L.10 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 110.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [30]

General debate

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Bangladesh, Egypt, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Jordan, Tunisia, the Sudan, Bahrain, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 29 and 30.

The Chairman also informed the Committee that the meeting on Friday, 7 November, will start at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Second Committee

25th meeting

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference [48]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Germany).

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [47]

(a) International trade and development

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard introductory statements by the Acting Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the President of the Trade and Development Board.

The Acting Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD, and the President of the Trade and Development Board responded to a question posed by the representative of Bangladesh.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United States, China, the Sudan, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, India, Myanmar, Morocco and Belarus.

A statement was also made by the observer for the European Commission (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and the potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; as well as the Republic of Moldova and Armenia).

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Germany).

26th meeting

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference [48]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/63/L.19

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/63/L.20

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Vice-Chairman (Germany) made a statement and orally revised the draft decision.

The Committee then adopted draft decision, as orally revised.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and France (on behalf of the European Union).

A statement was also made by the representative of the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/63/L.21

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/63/L.22

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/63/L.23

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft decision.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee decided to take note of documents A/63/179 and A/63/345.

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [47]

(a) International trade and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and continued its general discussion.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Ecuador, Botswana, Thailand, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Kuwait.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization, on behalf of the Chief Executives Board Interagency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 47 as a whole.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.8

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Organization of work

A statement wad made by the Vice-Chairman (Germany).

Third Committee

37th meeting

The summary of the 37th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/218).

Sixth Committee

25th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session . [75]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Portugal, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and the Sudan.

The Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission on the topic "Protection of persons in the event of disasters" made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the item.

Granting of observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly . . . . . [156]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 156.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.13.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the agenda item.

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States . . . . . [72]

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/63/L.14, as orally revised.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [77]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 77.

The representative of Finland introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.12.

It was announced that Bulgaria, China, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session . . . . . [74]

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.4 and (on behalf of the Bureau) draft resolutions A/C.6/63/L.5 and A/C.6/63/L.6.

It was announced that Egypt and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.4.

Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly . . . . . [151]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 151.

It was announced that Madagascar and Mali joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.3.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.3 without a vote.

Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly . . . . . [153]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 153.

It was announced that Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jordan, Mexico, Montenegro, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.2.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.2 without a vote.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Ratification: Ecuador (5 November 2008)[1]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Mozambique (4 November 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Mozambique (4 November 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Accession: Georgia (4 November 2008)[1]

Notifications under articles 44, 46 (13) and (14): Mozambique (4 November 2008)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Georgia (4 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday 5 November 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/2	Report of the Security Council — 1 August 2007-31 July 2008 — Supplement No. 2 [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/121/Add.1/Corr.1	Item 77 — Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/187/Add.2–S/2008/503/Add.2	Item 103 (c) — Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five members of the International Court of Justice — List of candidates nominated by national groups — Note by the Secretary-General — Withdrawal of a candidate nominated by a national group [A C E F R S]
A/63/467–S/2008/636	Item 76 — Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts — Letter dated 2 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/504*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

A/63/512–S/2008/677	Item 45 — Culture of peace — Letter dated 28 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/514	Item 120 — Improving the financial situation of the United Nations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/516–S/2008/683	Items 13 and 18 — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan — Letter dated 31 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.7/Add.1	Item 114 (b) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization — China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Myanmar, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen: draft resolution — Congo, Gabon, Mongolia and Syrian Arab Republic [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.9/Add.1	Item 114 (d) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization — Albania, Armenia, Greece, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine and United States of America: draft resolution — Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Montenegro and Serbia [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.10/Add.1	Item 114 (m) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System — Argentina, Barbados, Chile, Mexico, Nicaragua, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution — Belize, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica and Panama [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.12/Add.1	Item 114 (g) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe — Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution — Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.13/Add.1	Item 114 (j) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community — Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation and Tajikistan: draft resolution — Armenia, Mongolia, Philippines and Thailand [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/63/5*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

A/C.4/63/L.9 Item 27 — Effects of atomic radiation — Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Guatemala, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand and Ukraine: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/L.10 Item 110 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Draft decision submitted by the Bureau — Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/L.11 Item 29 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Algeria, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Comoros, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine: draft resolution — Assistance to Palestine refugees [A C E F R S]

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